

REMARKS

In view of the Examiner's comments:

a. Claim 15 -- which the Examiner indicated would be allowable if rewritten to overcome rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims -- has been rewritten as recommended. In this respect, terminology as to the "open-bottom top" of the carrier of the invention has been modified, and reference to various edge surfaces have been deleted. Claims 16-18 have similarly been modified, to now depend from amended Claim 15. Allowance of Claims 15-18 is, therefore, respectfully requested;

b. Also in view of the Examiner's comments, Claims 1, 8, 10 and 13-14 have been canceled without prejudice;

c. Furthermore, Claims 2-7 have been modified to clarify the fabric covering of the carrier of the invention, and to likewise depend from Claim 15. As to the Examiner's comments concerning the sufficiency of the Specification in describing the fabric covering, note should be made of the description at Page 6, Lines 13-25 as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art the substance and construction now more specifically set out in amended Claims 2-7; and

d. Claims 9, 11 and 19 -- the only remaining claims in this Application -- have been amended to depend from rewritten Claim 15 and are submitted to be allowable.


In further view of the Examiner's comments, FIGURES 1 and 3 have been amended to obviate the Examiner's objections to the Drawings. It is noted that the fabric features added to FIGURES 1 and 3 are deemed not essential for a proper understanding of the invention, and are illustrated in the form of labelled representations in accordance with 37 CFR 1-83a. Page 6 of the Specification has been amended accordingly.

This Application is now considered to be in condition for Allowance. Allowance of Claims 2-7, 9, 11-12 and 15-19 is respectfully requested.

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